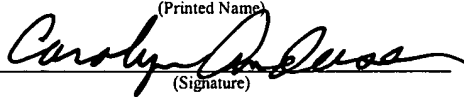




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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: ROY et al.  
Title: MEDICAL USAGE  
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FOR THE TRANSFER OF  
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Appl. No.: 10/507,057  
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the July 28, 2006 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants file herewith, a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and fee of \$1,155.00 for Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) (\$395.00), a Petition for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time (\$510.00), and additional claims fees (\$250.00). With the extension, these documents are due on or before January 29, 2007.

The Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Credit Card Authorization in the sum of \$1,005.00 in payment of fees relating to the Request and the Petition fee. The Commissioner

also hereby authorized to charge any other fees due with this submission and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3431, Ref. No. 079777-0564.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: